

CITY OF ELY

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Mr. Julius Genachowski
Chairman
The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am writing in support of the AT&T and T-Mobile merger we've been reading so much about in the news.

Here at the City of Ely, we operate on the cutting edge for a small town in Greater Minnesota. And we are on the cusp of becoming a truly booming economy based on our vast natural resources and our tourism economy. An expansive wireless broadband network, which we know to be on the way, will give us the infrastructure to be one of the most beautiful places on earth to do business. All the while being able to operate at the speed of business.

Good communications infrastructure is important to the city, it is important to our economic development efforts and it is important to the thousands who visit here each year.

You have a big job at the FCC overseeing this communications infrastructure. This particular merger is great for rural areas, consumers and cities like ours.

I'd ask that you expeditiously approve the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile as a way to really help spur positive economic growth in areas like ours.

Sincerely,



Terri Boese
City Clerk/Treasurer

